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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Of course, there are so many Committees and their recommendations are not seriously taken notice of. So, there is absolutely no surprise in the Hon. Minister not knowing the Committee, its recommendations and all that. But, in view of the fact that there is universal complaint from all the districts, from not merely local board hospitals but also from Government hospitals as the hon. Member there pointed out and as I also know that even vital medicines required for tuberculosis are not sometimes supplied in time to the Tellicherry Hospital of whose Advisory Committee I happen to be a Member, would the Government create some kind of apparatus to by-pass this very sluggish Stores?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : A same sort of question is asked in another form. I have already replied that whenever indents cannot be complied with by the Medical Stores, it is open either to the Government Hospital or the local fund dispensary to get medicines locally by getting quotations from reputable firms.

(Questions Nos. 2712, 2713 and 2714 taken up together.)

Land reforms

* 2712 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government are awaiting any instructions from the Central Government to introduce Land Reforms in this State. ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The Government of India have been addressed to give their considered views on the constitutional and legal issues involved in introducing comprehensive land reforms in this State. Their reply is awaited.

* 2713 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any directive from the Planning Commission or the Government of India regarding the introduction of Land Reforms in this State;

(*b*) whether this Government have come to any decision regarding Land Reforms to be introduced in this State ; and

(*c*) if the answers are in the affirmative, what their proposals are?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection Act, 1955, has recently been passed into law. The Government will be introducing shortly a Bill on " Fair Rents ". As regards other aspects of Land Reforms the Government of India have been addressed to give their considered views on the constitutional and legal issues involved. Their reply is awaited.